

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of August 6, 2004. Claims 1, 5, 7 and 9 have been amended. Claims 8 and 10 – 20 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1 – 7 and 9 are pending in this application. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Applicants' below signed attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on September 1, 2004. The Examiner indicated in the interview that to ensure entry of this amendment after final the amendment should be limited to rewriting the allowed dependent claims in independent form. Accordingly, allowed Claim 8 has been incorporated in independent Claim 1 and allowed Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form. The remaining claims either depend from these claims or have been cancelled. The claims have been cancelled to expedite prosecution and to allow entry of this amendment after final and not in acquiescence in the Examiner's rejection of these claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims of the same or similar scope in one or more continuation applications. In addition a minor amendment to claim 5 has been made to correct the antecedent basis for a term in that claim.

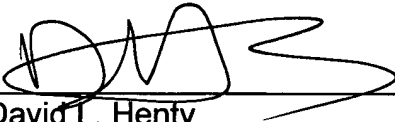
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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It is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney if it appears that any impediment remains to allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 9/8/04

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